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Alaska State Library Continuing Education Newsletter

Webinar Picks

- [Public Librarians' Chat: Banned Books Week](#)
- [The Modern Library: Meeting Users on Their Own Terms](#)
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Banned Books Week

September 27-October 3, 2015

For more than 30 years the American Library Association has celebrated [Banned Books Week](#) to remind Americans how their First Amendment Rights protect their freedom to make the decision of what they will or will not read.

Libraries throughout the U.S. celebrate Banned Books Week by creating thought-provoking displays, developing programs focusing on the importance to intellectual freedom and the dangers of censorship and by hosting community readings of banned or challenged books.

As public librarians we have an obligation to provide and protect our patrons' free access to information and ideas. To meet this obligation we need to ensure that every library staff member has received intellectual freedom. Use Banned Books Week as an opportunity to review your library's materials selection policy and the steps staff should follow to respectfully handle a challenge or attempt to remove or restrict materials.

Provide staff with a copy of the [American Library Association Code of Ethics](#) and the [Library Bill of Rights](#) and lead a discussion on the importance of distinguishing between personal conviction and professional duties.

And finally encourage your staff to attend this month's [Public Librarians' Chat](#) featuring Mike Robinson, the Chair of the Alaska Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee. He will share ideas on how you can participate in Banned Books Week and why it is so important that you do so.

Events Calendar

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Upcoming Events:						
Public Librarians' Monthly Chat						
Tue, Sep 1, 2015 1:00pm						
How to Find Grants						
Wed, Sep 2, 2015 9:00am						
The Modern Library: Meeting Users On Their Own Terms						
Wed, Sep 2, 2015 11:00am						
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Trustee Toolkit: Hiring a New Library Director

You've heard the adage, "Fail to plan, plan to fail." Unfortunately, many library boards don't have a plan or process in place for recruiting and hiring a new library director. Without a plan they may fail to develop a job description that fully reflects the expectations, qualifications and duties of the new director. Selecting the right person to fill this key library role and ensuring a smooth transition is one of the most important responsibilities of the library board.

The [Trustee Toolkit: Hiring a Library Director](#) is an online resource designed to assist library board members facing with this important task. The Trustee Toolkit includes tools, templates, videos and other resources library board members may find useful as they begin developing their plan for hiring a new library director.

You may want to encourage your library board members to watch [Happily Ever After From Interview to Action...Board-Director Relationships That Work!](#) a 4 part webinar series designed by Catherine Hakala-Ausperk to help library boards establish clearly defined roles and responsibilities that lead to a productive, effective and healthy boards.

You may also want to visit [Resources for Library Trustees](#) an online guide designed by staff at the Alaska State Library to provide public librarians with quick access to reference materials that may be used for library trustee/board training.